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SUBJECT: LITTON PROPOSAL ON KUWAIT COMMAND AND CONTROL

REFERENCES: (A) KUWAIT 821, (B) 76 STATE 63992

1. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION (PARA 4, REF A) IS CORRECT.
APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO PERMIT SALE OF COMMAND AND CONTROL
SYSTEM TO KUWAIT (REF B) WAS CONVEYED TO GOK IN 1976 AND
THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED DURING VISIT OF GENERAL MUBARAK
IN OCTOBER 1977. WE INDICATED USG CONTINUES TO SUPPORT
STUDY OF KUWAIT'S COMMAND AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS. ON
THIS BASIS, EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO PERMIT USLOK
OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LITTON AND
GOK WITH A GOAL OF DEFINING KUWAIT'S COMMAND AND CONTROL
REQUIREMENTS.

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2. FYI: SINCE 1976 APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE, BOTH LEGISLA-

TIVE (ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976) AND POLICY (PD 13)
DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WHICH MIGHT IMPACT ON FORMAL
USG DECISION RE KUWAIT'S COMMAND AND CONTROL. IN THE
ABSENCE OF A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF

THE SYSTEM GOK DESIRES, IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON
WHAT IF ANY RESERVATIONS USG MIGHT HAVE. FOR INSTANCE,
MAKE UP OF SYSTEM WILL DETERMINE WHETHER UNDER 1976 ACT

A STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL PURCHASE WOULD BE POSSIBLE, OR
WHETHER IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH FMS CHANNELS.
IF THE SALE IS FMS, THE WORLDWIDE ARMS CEILING FACTOR MUST
COME INTO PLAY. THEREFORE, EMBASSY AND USLOK SHOULD BE
CAREFUL NOT TO IMPLY A FIRM USG COMMITMENT TO SELL WHAT-
EVER SYSTEM GOK MIGHT DESIRE IN THE ABSENCE OF A BETTER
DEFINITION OF WHAT GOK MIGHT WANT. RELEASABILITY OF
SPECIFIC ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT THAT GOK MAY REQUEST MAY ALSO
BE A FACTOR. AS GOK PLANS BECOME CLEARER, WE WILL BE
ABLE TO TAKE A MORE INFORMED LOOK AT THE ADDITIONAL
PROBLEM OF RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THIRD-COUNTRY
NATIONALS. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE WHEN LITTON CONTACTS DEPARTMENT
REGARDING SALE OF ITS SYSTEM TO KUWAIT.
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